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Senate Concurrent Resolution

No. 86

Introduced by Senator Hughes

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Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 86—Relative to school safety.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SCR 86, as amended, Hughes. School Safety Month and Yellow Ribbon Week.

Existing law and the California Constitution set forth various provisions relating to school safety.

This measure would designate October 1998 as School Safety Month and the week of January 11 through 15, 1999, as Yellow Ribbon Week.

Fiscal committee: no.

1 WHEREAS, The Department of Justice crime statistics
2 show that since 1989 the rate of homicides committed by
3 juveniles has significantly exceeded that for adults; and

4 WHEREAS, The Department of Justice statistics also
5 show that between 1985 and 1995 the juvenile arrest rate
6 for violent crimes has increased 54.9 percent; and

1 WHEREAS, The number of juveniles in California
2 between 10 and 17 years of age increased 17 percent
3 between 1985 and 1995, *and* the number of juveniles
4 arrested for homicide increased 121 percent during that
5 same period; and

6 WHEREAS, While the juveniles in California between
7 10 and 17 years of age make up 11.3 percent of the state's
8 total population, they account for 18.5 percent of those
9 arrested for homicide; and

10 WHEREAS, The California Constitution guarantees
11 students and staff the right to be safe and secure on public
12 primary, elementary, junior high, and senior high school
13 campuses; and

14 WHEREAS, There is a need for violence prevention
15 strategies that effectively deal with individual and
16 cultural relations and that include the collaboration of
17 parents, community members, and law enforcement; and

18 WHEREAS, School districts, in conjunction with the
19 Senate Select Committee on School Safety, will continue
20 to strengthen their efforts to reduce and prevent violence
21 through unity, harmony, and collaboration; now,
22 therefore, be it

23 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California, the*
24 *Assembly thereof concurring,* That the Legislature
25 recognizes October 1998 as School Safety Month and the
26 week of January 11 to 15, 1999, inclusive, as Yellow Ribbon
27 Week; and be it further

28 *Resolved,* That the Legislature encourages all schools to
29 participate in appropriate activities during School Safety
30 Month *and throughout the year* to recognize the
31 importance of conflict resolution, *mutual respect*, and
32 violence eradication; and be it further

33 *Resolved,* That the Legislature encourages parents,
34 pupils, teachers, other school personnel, and members of
35 the community to wear yellow ribbons during the week
36 of January 11 to 15, 1999, inclusive, to demonstrate their
37 commitment to school safety and in recognition of pupils
38 who have lost their lives as a direct result of school
39 violence; *and be it further*

1 RESOLVED, *That the Legislature encourages all*
2 *schools to promote ongoing activities that develop*
3 *positive leadership and prosocial behavior among youth,*
4 *and actively involve pupils in helping to solve problems*
5 *related to conflict and violence.*

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